

**From:** gfejer1@pobox.mot.com@inetgw  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
**Date:** 1/23/02 11:04am  
**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case.

Microsoft's anti competitive practices have not changed, and past actions show that Microsoft has no intention on changing it's practices. The proposed settlement does nothing to insure that this will change.

Microsoft said that they'd behave themselves when it was discovered that they were using undocumented Application Programing Interfaces (APIs) to speed up their own programs while not disclosing those APIs to competitors. They said that they would behave when it was discovered that they had threatened original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) that tried to sell competing office suites.

Microsoft has continued it's anti competitive behaviors in a long list of "strange coincidences" that were conveniently timed to help Microsoft while hurting its competition. When installing Windows 95, America Online (AOL) ceased to work properly at the same time that Microsoft started pushing their competing Microsoft Network. Palm's hot-sync stopped working properly under Windows 98 when Microsoft was pushing Windows CE, their palmtop operating system. MS Java was found incompatible with the Java standard when MS realized that this technology would allow applications to be independent of a specific operating system.

I have repeatedly heard the question, "When has Microsoft hurt the consumer?" They have cost companies billions in security problems. Consumers were, in effect, not allowed to use a competitive Office suite because of MS's illegal tactics to expand its monopoly. Many consumers were forced to spend hours with tech support to solve problems with their internet connection (AOL) or Palm device or cave in and switch to the corresponding Microsoft product.

Most importantly, the proposed settlement does not punish Microsoft for repeated prior offenses. Under the current proposed settlement, Microsoft merely gets a stern warning to not repeat the crime in the future.

Sincerely,

Gergely Fejer  
Software Engineer  
Cary, IL